

## EXPLANATION OF STATUS AND RANK CODES FOR PLANTS

### N.C. Status:

E = Endangered

T = Threatened

SC = Special Concern

SR = Significantly Rare.

Plant statuses are determined by the Plant Conservation Program (N.C. Department of Agriculture) and the N.C. Natural Heritage Program. Collection from the wild of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species is regulated by state law. The Significantly Rare stature is a NHP designation indicating the need for population monitoring and possible conservation action for species not currently listed as Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern.

### U.S. Status:

E = Endangered. A plant that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

T = Threatened. A plant that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

FSC = Federal Species of Concern. This status replaces the former "Category 2" Candidate status used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Category 2 plants were those for which there was some evidence of vulnerability, but for which there were not enough data to support listing as Endangered or Threatened. The FSC code has no official status.

### N.C. Rank:

S1 = Critically imperiled in North Carolina because of extreme rarity or because of some factor making it especially vulnerable to extirpation from the state. Typically 1-5 populations.

S2 = Imperiled in North Carolina because of rarity or because of some factor making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the state. Typically 6-20 populations.

S3 = Rare or uncommon in North Carolina. Typically 21-100 populations.

SH = Of historical occurrence in North Carolina, not having been verified in more than 20 years, and suspected to be still extant.